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SUBJ: PERMANENT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR U.S. PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO NATO AWACS PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO)

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1. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM
OFFICE (NAPO) IN THE SUMMER OF 1975 AND THE ARRIVAL
OF SEVEN USAF OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THAT OFFICE IN
AUGUST 1975, EFFORTS WERE MADE (REFTELS A, B, C) TO
ESTABLISH A FORMAL BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND
COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT OF THE U.S. CONTINGENT.

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NO FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS EVER BEEN
CONCLUDED, BUT THE U.S. CONTINGENT WAS SUPPORTED
BY U.S. MISSION NATO AS A CASE OF URGENCY. RECENT
PLANS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE U.S. CONTINGENT,
AS WELL AS THE LOSS OF SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE
36THCSS, BITBURG AIR FORCE BASE, HAS GENERATED AN
ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

OF USNATO IN ADDITION TO THAT CREATED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO FORACS OFFICE, AN OFFICE OF STANDARDIZATION OF AMMUNITION OF INFANTRY, SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS, AND THE PROJECTED ESTABLISHMENT OF A U.S. PATRIOT OFFICE AT NATO.

2. FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, USNATO, BY ONE NCO SPACE, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY AND PERSONNEL, USNATO, RELUCTANTLY INFORMED THE SENIOR U.S. NAPO OFFICER THAT, EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1977, CONTINUED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BY U.S. MISSION NATO MUST BE TERMINATED UNLESS USAF AND OSD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CAN AGREE TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE REQUIRED MANNING LEVEL INCREASE FOR THE MISSION, OR APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT NAPO ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

3. THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES, ANY ONE OF WHICH MAY BE PREFERRED BY OSD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. AS VIEWED FROM THE U.S. MISSION, THESE ALTERNATIVES ARE:

A. NAPO WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, NATO, AND OFFICIAL SECONDMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD PERMIT SUPPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, NATO, AND INCIDENTALLY BY THE U.S. MISSION. THIS ALTERNATIVE, WHICH WE DO NOT FAVOR, WOULD REQUIRE MODIFICATION OF CURRENT POLICY THAT PROHIBITS SECONDMENT OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL
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TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

B. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COULD BE GENERATED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH THE OFFICE OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, U.S. EMBASSY BRUSSELS, WHICH WOULD PERMIT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DIRECTLY FROM JAS BRUSSELS SIMILAR TO THAT SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR THE U.S. CONTINGENT OF THE F-16 PROGRAM. THIS ALTERNATIVE COULD HAVE THE SLIGHT DISADVANTAGE OF EQUATING THE U.S. AWACS ROLE TO THE COMMERCIAL SALES EFFORTS OF THE F-16 PROGRAM BUT SHOULD NOT OTHERWISE IMPEDE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING BY THE U.S. NAPO CONTINGENT.

C. BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS USAF AND OJCS, THE U.S. CONTINGENT NAPO COULD BE ASSIGNED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE USDELMC OR THROUGH THAT ORGANIZATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF. THIS ALTERNATIVE HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF PLACING UNIFORMED U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THEIR NORMAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE NATO

STRUCTURE.

D. RETENTION OF SUPPORT THROUGH U.S. MISSION NATO
PREDICATED UPON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND UPON THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL NCO SPACE TO
THE U.S. MISSION FOR SUPPORT OF U.S. NAPO. THIS
ALTERNATIVE HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF NO CHANGE TO CURRENT
ARRANGEMENTS EXCEPT FOR LEGITIMIZING THE SUPPORT THAT
HAS BEEN GIVEN OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. SUCH A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WOULD OF NECESSITY REQUIRE
RECOGNITION OF THE COST OF USE OF U.S. NATO COMMUNICATION

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4. REQUEST OSD DECISION IN APPROPRIATE COORDINATION
WITH HEADQUARTERS USAF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
(EUR/RPM) TO PERMIT A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THIS
PROBLEM AND CONTINUANCE OF SUPPORT REQUIRED.BENNETT

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